

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): Ball-and-socket joint as claimed in claim 24, characterized in that the flange (4.2) protrudes at an approximately 90° angle from the cylindrical center part (4.1) of the metal ring (4).

Claim 14-23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): Ball-and-socket joint having a joint pin provided with a joint ball (1.1), a plastic joint housing (2) into which is inserted a bearing shell (3) for rotatable and tiltable support of the joint ball (1.1), and a metal ring (4) to positively lock the bearing shell (3) within the joint housing (2), the metal ring (4) is embedded in the joint housing (2) and has a radially inwardly bent end segment (4.3) located in an area of an opening in the joint housing (2) that is provided for passage of the joint pin (1), characterized in that an inside diameter of a cylindrical center part (4.1) of the metal ring (4) corresponds to an outside diameter of the bearing shell (3), the metal ring (4) having a radially outwardly angled flange (4.2) that is extrusion-coated with material of the joint housing (2).

Claims 25-28 (Canceled)